

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Please Note!

The dates for the Nottingham 2021 town/school deliberative and election sessions and voting have been changed. See article on page 2 of this issue for more information.

Looking Back in Time

Submitted by the Historical Society and 300th Committee

The Nottingham Historical Society and the Nottingham 300th Committee are looking forward to the Town's Tri-Centennial (2022) by co-sponsoring a series of zoom talks this winter that will be looking back in time at Nottingham's history, both natural and social. The first talk, *Perspectives on the Geology of Nottingham, NH*, by Joe Schmidl, was held on February 23. If you missed it, it is available through the Town YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucn_ZADTbOlzRbH2ihyH4tw

The March zoom talk will be held on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 PM. and will be on the natural history of the loon. Caroline Hughes, a biologist with the Loon Preservation Committee will be our presenter. The LPC has been monitoring the loons on Pawtuckaway since 1975 so she will be including some history about our local loon pairs. Please email the 300th Committee at nottingham300th@gmail.com for information on how to access this live event.



Speakers for our other talks have not been confirmed by the newsletter deadline. Please check our Facebook pages, the Town website or the Nottingham channel for the latest schedule.

Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. Our weekly services are on Sundays at 10:00 AM on Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/nottinghamcommunitychurch led by Interfaith Minister Craig Werth. We look forward to being able to resume in-person gatherings in our historic church building when it is safe for our community to do so. Our monthly coffeehouse/open mic night is online on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7 pm.

Please see our website at www.nottinghamuu.com for more information and updates or email Craig Werth at revcraigwerth@gmail.com for pastoral care.



Special Notice:

Candidates for elected Town positions are invited to submit a statement to the Nottingham Newsletter for publication in the May/June 2021 issue. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, April 1st at 5:00 PM.

Please submit your statement by email to: AdNottinghamNews@gmail.com as an attachment. Include your name and contact information. Don't forget to tell readers what position you are running for and why.

Candidate Statements will be limited to a maximum of 300 words. You are encouraged to include a sharp headshot photo of yourself (black and white is preferable) which will be included next to your statement.

Voting for Nottingham Town Officers, proposed zoning amendments, and School & Town Warrants will take place on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021.**

Nottingham 2021 Town/School Deliberative And Election Sessions

By *Bonnie Winona MacKinnon*, Nottingham Town Moderator and Nottingham School District Moderator

School Deliberative Session: Saturday, April 17, 9 AM at the Nottingham School.

Town Deliberative Session: Saturday, April 17, after the completion of the school meeting (*likely after lunch*), at the Nottingham School.

Voting On The School and Town Warrants, Town Officers, and Proposed Zoning Amendments: Tuesday June 8, 7AM-7PM at the Nottingham School.

Last year, due to the rise of the COVID-19 virus, I postponed the Town Meeting until June 27, 2020. That meeting proved to be the last traditional meeting to be held in Nottingham.

A petitioned article on the 2020 Warrant asked if the citizens wished to move from a traditional meeting to the SB2 form of government. The article passed and we will hold our 2021 meeting in the deliberative session format with paper ballot voting at the subsequent election day.

At the SB2 in-person meeting, we will take up each article on the Warrant, one at a time. These will be discussed, debated, possibly amended and then automatically placed on the paper ballot for voting on the designated election day.

As big a change as this is, learning to conduct meetings and polls in a manner that observes public health guidelines during the pandemic has been a huge learning curve for everyone involved in our elections.

New discoveries and observations about the nature of the virus evolved as the year wore on, precipitating a spate of informational meetings several times nearly every week from May until the November presidential election.



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We are still in the midst of the corona virus pandemic which has prompted the New Hampshire Legislature to pass some temporary, alternative procedures in hopes of providing safe meetings and elections for municipalities. The political calendar is set by statute and these alternatives allow SB2 and traditional town meetings to be delayed to a time in which virus numbers in New Hampshire may be lower.

Both alternative procedural options in force this year provide for the governing body to select which format they wish to utilize. Both the Nottingham Select Board and the Nottingham School Board rejected the virtual meeting possibility. The virtual option would have removed the ability of voters to amend articles on the warrants, though it did call for citizen feedback in the hope that the governing board would amend articles if citizens made a good case for amendment in their feedback. The underlying reason for removing the ability of voters to amend is that there would be no way to verify, in a virtual session, that participants are registered voters. By statute, these meetings are open to the public, but only registered voters may speak and vote.

Currently both Nottingham boards, School Board and Select Board, have chosen the second optional procedure available, which is to conduct an in-person meeting at a later date, hopefully with full CDC guidelines in place. **Our boards have both delayed the deliberative portion of the meeting to the same day, Saturday, April 17, 2021 at the Nottingham School. The School Deliberative Session will begin at 9 AM. The Town Deliberative Session will begin AFTER the school meeting has ended, likely after lunch. It was not possible to set an exact time as it is contingent on the school meeting being competed. Voting on**

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the quest for truth is its sacrament,
and service is its prayer”...**

election of officers, proposed zoning amendments, and articles on the warrants will take place on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 from 7AM-7PM, also at the Nottingham School.

There is hope that the virus will be subsiding and that some people are vaccinated by April 17. Prior to the April 17 date set for our deliberatives, we will be watching the numbers of new cases and deaths from the Coronavirus pandemic. NH passed the 1000 mark in deaths last week and we are currently at much higher numbers of cases than we were at this time in 2020. In fact, the very first COVID-19 case in New Hampshire was confirmed March 2, 2020. Currently, there is news of mutant strains arriving in an informational picture that changes daily.

I am very interested in hearing from folks as the meeting date nears. Will you feel comfortable enough to attend and participate in these sessions? Statistics show that 96.4 percent of COVID-19 deaths in NH were people aged 60 and over. We will be publicizing the final set up, and precautions to be observed closer to the end of March. I can be reached by email at: moderator@nottingham-nh.gov

Nottingham Republicans Committee

Nottingham Republicans meet every second Thursday at 7:00 PM. We are now meeting at New Hope Church on Route 156, 34 Raymond Road in Nottingham. If you would like information on our committee, you may email Pat Desrosiers at memedesrosiers@gmail.com. All Republicans, Conservatives, Libertarians and Independents who value liberty, fiscal responsibility and limited government are encouraged to attend.



We have legislative updates, from our friendly Republican state reps, discuss local and state issues, and help strategize upcoming elections.

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Be sure to come to our School and Town Deliberative Sessions this April 17 at the school. The meeting starts at 9AM. We will be discussing warrant articles and budgets for both the school and town. The elections will be held June 7th.

Come and join us for our next meetings on March 11 and April 8.

We have a great time and friendly conversation and, as always, light refreshments.

Nottingham Food Pantry

In this time of the Covid pandemic we would like to thank those who gave very generous monetary donations, purchases of both nonperishables and personal hygiene products and some grants received.

The Nottingham Food Pantry shelves are well stocked and ready to help anyone in town who is in need of supplemental food and personal care items.

There is no need for anyone in town to go without food.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 679-5209 if you could use the assistance. All calls are confidential.



Nottingham Community Newsletter

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Submit news articles (word document) & ads (jpg format at 300dpi) via e-mail to adnottinghamnews@gmail.com.

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~ Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Message from the School Board

This year, due to concerns with large groups gathering indoors during a spike of Covid-19 cases, Governor Sununu issued executive order #83 to allow the delay of both the deliberative session as well as voting day. Because the Nottingham School board prioritizes inclusion and wants to promote voter participation in these meetings, we voted to postpone our meetings pursuant to the Governors Executive order. For 2021 the School Deliberative session will be held on Saturday, April 17th at 9 am at Nottingham School with the Town Deliberative Session following on the same day. It is our intention to provide a safe and socially distanced meeting. Voting Day will also be held at the school on Tuesday June 8th. Polls will be open from 7am to 7pm.

We would like to thank our Town Administrator, Select Board, Moderator, Supervisors of the Checklist, and our building administration for collaborating with us to help determine the best way to deliver an inclusive voting season for our community. We value our positive working relationship with town officials.

The School Deliberative meeting is the part of the SB 2 process where the school budget and warrant articles are presented to the voters and discussed. The Nottingham School Board typically offers a presentation and explanation of the Warrant Articles that will be on the ballot. The Budget Committee presents the school budget to the voters and the School Board speaks to the process through which the budgets were created. This meeting is an opportunity for voters to ask questions, comment on, propose, and vote on amendments to the budget and warrant articles before they go to ballot for voting day. Articles are moved to the ballot after the Deliberative Session. It is an opportunity to learn in advance what will be on the ballot so that when you vote, you are able to

make well-informed decisions.

The board reviews COVID-19 data such as the 7-day positivity test rate, new cases, and transmission levels from the State of NH at every meeting. We apply the data to our decision process to determine how instruction is delivered whether hybrid or remote. At this writing, the students are in school 4.5 days a week which is considered a hybrid model. We continue to offer remote instruction for families that need that option. The Covid School Dashboard data can be found at: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/schools.htm>.



On curriculum related matters, at the first meeting of every month, the board receives a report from Mr. Chauvette, the Curriculum Director. The school has administered the interim NH Statewide Assessment System (SAS), Aimsweb and NWEA tests to students. Using this data, along with other metrics, the school is developing a plan to address learning loss related to the pandemic. The school has also implemented Canvas, a learning management system provided by the State.

We anticipate receiving additional federal funding through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund II (ESSERII) to help in the response to COVID-19. The funds will be available through September 2023. We will be discussing the actual amount we receive and uses of the funds at School Board meetings.

We want to thank our teachers, administrators, and staff for all their work this year. We also thank

students and their families for their perseverance and flexibility as the situation continues to evolve. Please contact the board at schoolboard@nottingham.k12.nh.us if you have any questions or thoughts.

School Space Advisory/Facility Committee Update

The Space Advisory Facility Committee continues to work with Samyn-D’Elia Architects and Eckman Construction on the Nottingham School Improvement project. Together, we have evaluated and revised the proposed design based on feedback from the community and the Budget Committee. In an effort to be the most fiscally responsible, while still fulfilling the needs of the school, the committee has:

- eliminated both 2-story additions in the back and front of the classroom wing;
- moved the proposed music classroom to the back of the school adjacent to the gym, thereby consolidating the project site/footprint;
- moved the proposed World Language classroom to the courtyard area, reducing that outdoor space; and
- changed the addition of a new 6th-grade Science Lab to the renovation of an existing 6th-grade classroom into lab space.

On January 6, 2021, the Nottingham School Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed plans recommended by this committee.

The School Board has retained the services of bond counsel for the project. The NH Municipal Bond Bank has provided estimates for the project based on both a July 2021 and January 2022 bond sale. This committee and the School Board continue to review the

estimated bond sale rates. The postponement of voting until June will delay construction and incur additional costs due to a winter build. Estimated interest rates provided range from 1.5% for a 10-year term to 2.5% for a 20-year term. Using these estimates, the tax impact for the average taxpayer will be less than \$200 per year. NHMBB has indicated, however, that these are conservative rates and they anticipate the actual rates will likely be even lower.

An application for State Building Aid was submitted in July 2020. In late-January 2021, the State provided their ranking of the school projects submitted for consideration. Nottingham has been ranked 10th out of the 12 school projects submitted. This ranking means it is unlikely that Nottingham will receive funding. Nottingham was the only school, however, to receive a score of 50 out of 50 points for “overcrowding & increased enrollment” further illustrating the need for this addition.

Please visit www.nottinghamschoolproject.com to view the design plans and to learn more details about the need for this project. Thank you for your support.

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Parks and Recreation Department News

Submitted by Kortney Dorow 679-3435 x107

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Please make sure to check out our website, Facebook and Instagram page for all up-to-date programming. We consistently have new programs that are added to our page at various times of the year and we can't always get them into this newsletter.

<https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/recreation-department>

<https://www.facebook.com/nottinghamrecreation/>

We are also now on TWITTER! Please follow us @ParksNottingham to get up to date information on programs, cancellations, resources and so much more.

Are you on our email list? Do you want updates and new program information delivered right to your inbox?? Just send us an email OR visit: <https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/recreation-department> and fill out the form that is located on our homepage!

New Program & Activities Survey

We are calling on you Nottingham! We are in full planning mode for Spring, Summer AND Fall and we are looking forward to getting our programs and offerings back in business. Make sure to keep checking our website to see what we have available. On our website or social media pages, you will find a link to a google form. It only takes about 5-10 minutes to complete and will be super useful in our planning efforts. Thank you in advance!

Nottingham Parks & Rec Sponsorship Opportunities:

We are happy to announce that we are (almost) back in action! We are hopeful that we can offer quality programming and events that meet the needs of our community. Visit our website if you or your business are interested in partnering with us in 2021!

Upcoming Events and Dates:

- 3/17/2020- Legacy Leader (55+) Lunch Delivery
- 3/27/2020- Egg Hunt
- 4/26/2020- April Vacation Camp

**** Please keep checking our website for updated information relating to COVID-19 and event details.**

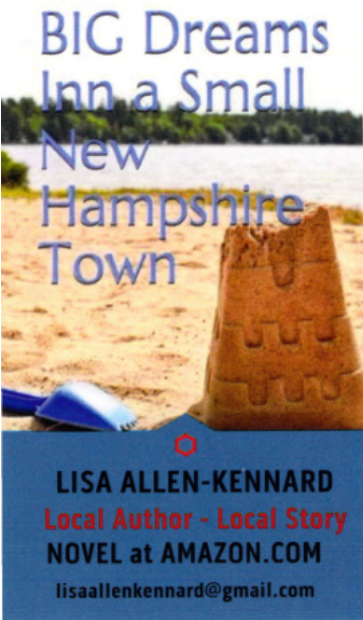
Marston Fields: January 2021 Update

The construction activity at the Marston Property has stopped to allow for fundraising to continue and grass to grow on the new fields. The property is open for use and the town is plowing the parking lot. Please continue to remain off the large field area adjacent to Mill Pond Rd. This is the location of the recreation fields. Last summer's drought hurt the grass planted on those fields. The fields required an additional application of seed and fertilizer in the late fall to combat the drought effects and allow for spring growth. Even the smallest of impacts on this area while the turf is young will hamper the short-term growth and long-term strength of the grass.

In the spring and summer, we hope to see backstops erected and the beginnings of the trail system to take shape. The next priority is the design and construction of a pavilion area. We have again jump-started our fundraising efforts, reaching out to businesses in Southern NH area. Our grant applications continue as well. Last year we were initially successful but were ultimately hurt by our inability to produce matching funds in a very short timeframe. This year we expect to be extremely competitive again. We are trying to stay in front of the grant application process by having the matching funds already on hand. This is a dollar-for-dollar match, so your donation will go a long way. The NYA is a qualified 501(C)(3) organization, and all funds earmarked will be used for improvements to the entire property, not simply athletic areas.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of Marston, donations can be made a few different ways:

1. Via Venmo to @NYAFriendsOfMarston
2. PayPal: Go to Nottingham Youth Association. Please ensure any donations sent are noted with a description of "Marston."
3. Or by Check: Nottingham Youth Association, P.O. Box 98, Nottingham, NH 03290



Wherever your donation is made, please remember to write "MARSTON" in the description. If you are paying by CHECK, please write "MARSTON" on the memo line.

Thank you!! Town of Nottingham, Marston Fundraising Committee

TREX Recycling Update:

Our next round will begin NOW!!! Our goal is to collect another 500 lbs. in a 6-month timeframe. Keep collecting all that plastic film and help us get another bench for our outdoor areas. We currently have a bench that will live on the Community Center Playground and a second bench was given to the Trails Committee for a trail they have been working on. Thank you all so much for participating!!

Collection Sites: Town Hall or Recycling Center

Programming and Rentals:

**Please go to our website to see what programs are being offered at this time.*

<https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/recreation-department>

<https://www.facebook.com/nottinghamrecreation/>

Thank you and Happy New Year!!

Kortney Dorow, Director, Nottingham Parks & Recreation


Community Spotlight

Submitted by Charlotte Fyfe

In this issue of the Nottingham Newsletter, the *Community Spotlight* shines on Kortney Dorow, Nottingham's Director of Parks & Recreation:

Q: What do you do?

A: As the Director of Parks & Recreation, I plan, prepare, and implement activities for community



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members of all ages. I was hired six years ago as Assistant Director and the next year I assumed the responsibilities of Director. I have both a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management & Administration, and a Master's Degree in Sports Management. Working with seniors is one of my favorite parts of the job. Because we don't have a Council on Aging here, the Parks & Recreation Department has taken on the needs of seniors and notched it up to be inclusive in our programming. The COVID-19 pandemic has made us realize how important it is to stay connected to others.

Q: What do you most enjoy about Nottingham?

A: The community support and participation here are amazing, and the feedback we get is excellent. This helps us tailor activities to what residents want.

Q: What would we find you doing in your free time?

A: Planning a late September wedding! It was a "Covid proposal", so we chose a date we hoped would be "safe", in Portsmouth. It's keeping me busy! I am also an avid "plant lady" - I love to grow things. In warmer months I enjoy kayaking on Pawtuckaway with my fiancé.



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Saturday: 10 am – 2 pm

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Friday: 12 – 5 pm
Please call 679-8484 to reserve computer time or to book appointment times on Fridays.

Children's Services:

We will be resuming a schedule of planned to-go kits and activities for children starting in March. We will be using Facebook Live to broadcast story times, so please contact the library if you need a password or have trouble with access. STEM (science, technology, engineering, math)/Family kits to-go will be simple experiments or projects that can be done at home to reinforce basic STEM concepts.
Week of:
March 2: Read Across America Celebration – Facebook (FB) Live Dr. Seuss-themed story time with accompanying party favors (pick-up favors at library)



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March 16: STEM/Family to-go kit
March 23: Adult to-go craft kit
April 6: FB live story time and accompanying craft kit to go
April 20: STEM/Family to-go kit
April 27: FB live special story time event
We have online sign-up forms for these activities. If you have questions regarding sign-ups, please call 679-8484 and we can assist.
Please check www.nottinghamlibrary.org/children/ or our Facebook page for additional information as it becomes available.

Teen/Tween/Young Adult:

Mr. Bunker is planning on re-starting the Blaisdell Youth Group with a virtual *Storyboard That* program in early March. *Storyboard That*, an online “award-winning, browser-based *Storyboard Creator* is the perfect tool to create storyboards, graphic organizers, comics, and powerful visual assets for use in an education, business, or personal setting”. He hopes to start where he left off last year with a ‘create your own comic’ type of activity. Please check www.nottingham.library.org/teen-page/ for more information as it becomes available and for an online sign-up.

Adults:

The Afternoon Book Group is meeting remotely until better weather. Meeting dates are the first Thursday of the month at 1:30pm. The **March 4th** title is: *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan, and the **April 1st** title is: *The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit* by Michael Finkel. Please contact the library if you would like to join this group or checkout a copy.
The Evening Book Group has restarted remotely as well. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30. On **March 24** we will be discussing *Faithful Place* by Tana French, and, on **April 28th**, *The Story of Charlotte's Web* by Michael Sims. Please



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The week of March 23rd we will be offering an Adult Craft Kit to-go. Online sign-ups for this activity will be available at www.nottinghamlibrary.org.
Liz Bolton
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Nottingham Democrats

Submitted by the Nottingham Democratic Committee

As you read this, our Town Committee will have had its February Caucus and installed a new slate of officers and committee chairs. There's great energy and new ideas for strengthening and contributing to the community we all share. We'll stand up against hate speech and violence, and support the democratic ideals of justice, equity, equality and truth.



Democrats and Independent thinkers are welcome to join any of our monthly meetings by Zoom. Send an email to HWR-NottDems@comcast.net to have a link sent to you prior to the Wednesday, March 10 and Wednesday, April 14 meetings. You can use this email address to ask questions, make comments, and add agenda items.

We encourage candidates for Town offices to present their views to us during one of these meetings, prior to the June 8th Nottingham Town elections.

For updates and news, join our Facebook page at [NottinghamNHDemocrats@nottinghamdems.com](https://www.facebook.com/NottinghamNHDemocrats@nottinghamdems.com). Join



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and press the “like” button to learn about Nottingham Democrats-sponsored activities: Earth Day litter pick up team; Help a Neighbor Day (landscape clean up for a senior or a disabled resident); Nottingham Tricentennial festivities, and more! You don't have to be a registered Democrat to participate – anyone who cares about our community and wants to help is welcome.

Redistricting: A bipartisan group of Nottingham residents recently submitted a petition to the Selectboard to urge our state legislators to support **Fair, Nonpartisan Redistricting**. Ultimately this works to the benefit of all voters and both parties. It helps to make the process of redistricting transparent and eliminate the anti-democratic practice of “gerrymandering”. Furthermore, the petition notes that Nottingham now has a large enough population to have our own state representative! No longer do we need to share representation with other towns, towns which may have different priorities and interests. Having an exclusive seat in the NH House of Representatives will ensure that the State Representative properly represents Nottingham's interests.

Support these initiatives with your voice, with your emails, and letters to our Selectboard and the NH General Court.



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New Hope Church

Worship at New Hope is every Sunday at 10:00 AM. We meet at New Hope Church on 34 Raymond Road. If you would like to Zoom worship, you can email Pastor Ted White at ted@new-hopechurch.com. We are also on Facebook live. Come and join us

We have Women’s Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30. We meet at the church or you can Zoom with us. For information contact Elaine White at 664-5025. For the Men’s Ministry, call Gary Anderson at 731-5216 or you can find information on our website www.new-hopechurch.com.



Easter Sunday, we will be having a Post-Sunrise Service at Nottingham Square. It will be April 4 at 8 AM. Then we will share an Easter breakfast at New Hope Church at 8:30 AM. We will have a 10 AM service at New Hope or on Facebook live.

We have started a **Discovery Group**. What is a Discovery Group? It is two or more people gathering together to learn God’s Word. There is not a teacher in this group. Instead, everybody gives input from the portion being observed. There is no expert in the group and everybody’s input is valued. Want to come to a group or start a group? Groups meet online or in person. Contact ted@new-hopechurch.com or call/text at 603-285-3533. If there is no answer, please leave a message saying you are interest in the Discovery Group and Ted will get back to you.

DISCIPLE-MAKING WORKSHOP: The next Disciple-Making workshop is on Saturday, February

27th to be hosted at the Center Barnstead Christian Church 9 AM-3 PM. Contact ted@new-hopechurch.com or call/text at 603-285-3533 if you are interested in more information.

Pawtuckaway Lake Host™ Program

The Lake Host™ Program is a courtesy boat inspection and public education program to prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic invasive species. Administered by the NH Lakes Association, trained personnel seek to identify and remove foreign “hitchhikers” before they enter the waters of Pawtuckaway and proliferate.



The Pawtuckaway Lake Host program staffs the Fundy boat ramp off Deerfield Road and the State Park from Memorial Day to Columbus Day. We have a team of both paid and volunteer Lake Hosts that offer courtesy boat inspections and education outreach to teach boaters how to inspect their boats when a lake host is not present.

2020 was an incredible year with a record number of inspections and boater interactions. Lake Hosts at the Fundy ramp performed 13,831 courtesy inspections and volunteers at the state park performed 351 on Fridays alone! The state park was closed for much of the season to campers but day use of the canoe launch was very busy. The total number of inspections in 2019 was 10,148, in 2020 it was 14,148! Volunteer Lake Hosts provided over 200 volunteer hours in 2020.

We will be looking for new volunteers and summer staff for the 2021 season. Seasonal staff positions are great for college students, educators, retirees and anyone who enjoys working outside and has excellent people skills. Employees are required to be over 18 and have dependable transportation. For more information, please contact Dee Decker at deedecker.plia@gmail.com

Respectfully Submitted - Dee Decker - NH LAKES Local Coordinator

Happy New Year from the Nottingham Area Women’s Club!

As the new year is in full swing and we are carrying on with life, we thought that we would share some new things that we are doing as a group! Since we are still in full pandemic mode and cannot meet in person, we decided to start 2021 with a series of “Healthy Talks”. We will lead off this series with presentations by members of our group. Our January talk by Denise Blaha was “How Habits Work”. We learned how to make habits stick, how to eliminate bad habits, and how habit stacking works. Thank you to all who were able to tune in. As we move through the year and continue this series, we hope you’ll share your hobbies and expertise with our community. If you’re interested in presenting, please reach out to us at Nottingham.WomensClub@gmail.com and volunteer to discuss a topic.

In other news, since we are a regional group, we are currently collecting gently used wedding/formal dresses for the “Angel Babies” organization. They



make dressing gowns for babies who have passed away. If you want more information about the organization, please check out their website, <http://www.angelbabiesma.org/angel-gowns-by-angel-babies.html>, or connect with us via email if you have donations.

Did you Know??

This newsletter is also available as a pdf file on the Town of Nottingham Website.

It is in COLOR with active links!

To download it go to:
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Nottingham Youth Association Update

Unfortunately, due to lack of local gym space, we were unable to organize a 2020/21 basketball season but some of our athletes are participating in other local leagues that welcomed a few “outside” towns. We are hopeful to get back on the court in Nottingham in the fall of 2021!

However, NYA Baseball and Softball Registration is open for the 2021 Season! This includes baseball league ages 4-15 (see our website for the league age chart) and softball levels up to 14U. Please visit our website at www.nyanottingham.com for more information and to register. We will continue to adhere to all local and state safety guidelines and as the guidelines change, we may need to make adjustments. We appreciate your patience!



We are working closely with the Marston Property Committee as they ramp up their fundraising efforts to continue their work on Phase 1 of the Marston Recreational Facility. We are looking forward to watching the progress on the project this year and seeing community members using the space.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to e-mail us at nottinghamyouthassoc@gmail.com. Please follow us on Facebook at Nottingham Youth Association for updates as well. We are always looking for volunteers. Let us know if you are interested in helping support youth sports in Nottingham!

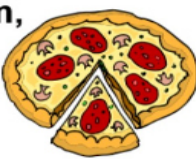
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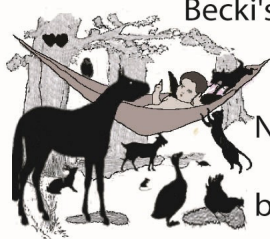
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